

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of January 11, 2008, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 14, 15 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) over the patent to Pulverenti, et al. in view of the patent to Brunius.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Pulverenti, et. al. and Brunius and further in view of the patent to Waterhouse.

Claims 16, 17 and 20-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Pulverenti, et al. and Brunius and further in view of the patent to Skalski.

Claims 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Pulverenti, et al., Brunius and Skalski and further in view of the patent to Persson.

Applicant has amended claim 14 to correct a typographical error.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims currently on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the constructions disclosed in the references.

Turning now to the references, and particularly to the patent to Pulverenti, et al.,

this reference has been discussed at length in prior amendments and those comments are incorporated herein by reference. The following additional comments are provided.

Pulverenti, et al. disclose a control system having a central unit 10 that monitors peripherals over a wired network 27, 28, 29 to provide security or anomaly configuration responsive to context codes. There is no teaching by Pulverenti, et al. of a second, separate independent electrical security circuit that is broken in the anomaly configuration, as in the presently claimed invention.

Applicant agrees that in the prior art, the opening of a circuit often triggers an anomaly signal. However, applicant submits that the opposite, i.e. that an anomaly signal triggers the opening of a circuit, is unusual and highly unique. The newly cited patent to Brunius discloses a security system for a building complex having multiple units. Brunius discloses a main controller 12 that polls control units 14 whereby a notification is made over a telephone line if an anomaly condition is sensed. Applicant submits that a telephone line is not a special security circuit as recited in the presently claimed invention. The telephone line is not broken in the anomaly configuration, but rather remains a closed loop so as to transmit the notification of a failure in the form of an electrical signal. Thus, a combination of Pulverenti, et al. and Brunius leads to a construction in which a failure notification is transmitted via a telephone line, and not to the introduction of a second separate independent electrical security circuit which is broken in case an anomaly configuration is detected, as recited in the presently claimed

invention.

In view of these considerations, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 14, 15 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over a combination of the above discussed references is overcome and should be withdrawn.

The remaining references which were cited in combination with Pulverenti, et al. and Brunius, have also been considered. Applicant submits that none of these references add anything to the teachings of the previous references so as to suggest the presently claimed invention. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 16-18 and 20-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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